



# Church of the Holy Spirit

## You are welcome here!

AUGUST 8, 2021 | THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### AS WE RETURN TO MASS IN PERSON

Here's what you need to know before you join us for Mass:

- ❖ You will need to bring your own sanitizer.
- ❖ You may remove the mask if you are fully vaccinated.
- ❖ A few seating sections in the church has been modified to maintain social distancing.
- ❖ The communion process will take a bit more time. Follow the ushers' cues and be patient.
- ❖ The Holy Water is back in the font at the entrance of the church. The Holy Water will change, and the font will be cleaned weekly basis.
- ❖ We continue to clean and sanitize the church at the end of each mass.



#### Weekend:

❖ **Saturday:** 4 p.m. Vigil Mass

❖ **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Weekdays:** Tuesday—Thursday: 9 a.m.

(Mass will be held in Rectory's Chapel)

**Holy day of Obligation:** Consult the bulletin and announcement for the mass time. Mass will be in the church.



May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always! The gospel of this weekend continues on with the discussion on the "Bread of Life discourse". In the past few weeks, we have been hearing Jesus say "I am the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven, and whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." Jesus' message, once again, tells us that Jesus gives and offers himself to us as "the Bread of Life." In what ways does Jesus offer himself to others? Jesus offers the Bread of forgiveness to a woman who committed adultery. On the cross, Jesus offers the Bread of peace to a dying thief. In Samaria, Jesus offers the Bread of acceptance to the woman who visited him at the well. Jesus offers the Bread of healing to the lepers, blind, crippled, the sick and infirm.

Jesus challenges us to do the same, to give ourselves for the lives of others. As believers and followers of Jesus, we eat the Body of Christ each week. We must become what we eat. Perhaps, we can spend some time to visit, talk, or listen to those who are lonely. We can give our attention to those who are discouraged. To those who hurt us, we can give them our forgiveness; and to those who annoy us or challenge us, we can give our patience. By doing these charitable acts, we truly profess and believe in the mystery of Jesus—the Bread of Life. May we learn from Jesus how to give ourselves more fully for the life of the world. Have a blessed week!

Peace & Blessings

*Fr. Quigley*

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<http://hsceg.org>

#### Parish Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday: 9am-1pm  
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-5pm  
Please call if you need to make an appointment

#### Live stream Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Links can be found on  
Youtube channel  
Holy Spirit Church eg

#### Our Seasons of Faith website:

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# REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ✠ The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?
- ✠ Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?
- ✠ We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?



### This Sunday's Reading:

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2  
**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

### Next Sunday's Reading:

**First Reading:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-27  
**Gospel:** Lk 1:39-56

### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



#### Week of 8/1/21:

- \* Collection weekend masses: \$2,735.00
- \* Collection thru mail: \$850.00
- \* Collection thru E-Giving: \$73.00

**Total Collection: \$3,658.00**



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### 2021 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK REQUESTS

The parish 2021 Mass Book is open to receive mass intentions. It is first come, first served basis. We will be accepting up to **7 intentions** per mass on weekends (Sat & Sun, each day), and **3 intentions** per mass on weekdays (Mon—Thurs). The intentions will be listed in the bulletin and announced during the liturgy. Please call (518) 477-7925 or stop by the office and our staff will do their best to accommodate your requests. Please be sensitive to the needs of other parishioners, especially if you have a large list. The donation for one mass intention is \$15.00.

**Eucharistic Adoration** Join us in the Eucharist Adoration every Tuesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. We will be praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confession is available for all. Please invite your family & friends to come and spend time with the Lord through prayer.



### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2021

**The Church**—Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**Words of Wisdom Book Club** – Join us on Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30pm as we discuss Chapter 6 of Fratelli Tutti, Dialogue and Friendship in Society. Join us from the comfort of your home as we continue discussing this amazing letter from Pope Francis. Contact Laura Countryman at [faithformation@hseeg.org](mailto:faithformation@hseeg.org) to register.

**Parish Family Fun Night** – Everyone is invited to join us for our first Parish Family Fun Night on Thursday evening, August 12th at 6:30pm in the parking lot. We will have a parish kickball game for all ages and abilities. If you feel that your kickball skills are a little rusty, we also need team managers, referees, scorekeepers and crowds to cheer our teams on. Please bring your own lawn chair and park in the lot on the other side of Highland Drive. We will also be having a Kona Ice Truck stopping by if anyone wants to purchase refreshments. A portion of the proceeds will go to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund. Join us for a fun night outdoors with our wonderful parish family. If it rains, we will be in the gym.

### Upcoming Events

Day/Date	Occasion	Time	Place
Tues 8/3	Eucharist Adoration	7 p.m.	Church
Wed 8/4	Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Conference Room
Wed 8/5	Young Adult Bible Study	7pm	Conference Room



**RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** We welcome those who are not Catholic to discover and learn about the Roman Catholic Faith Tradition. Those who have not been baptized are prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Candidates raised in another Christian community are invited to full-communication in the Catholic Church by celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist. If you know of anyone who has not been baptized and wants to discover the Catholic Faith Tradition, please encourage the person to contact the parish office at (518)477-7925.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** : What is a transitional deacon?

**Answer:** There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well-known and respected in their communities, and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.



**Asian Crispy Chicken dinner**—Holy Spirit will be hosting a chicken dinner, take out only, on **Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 5:00 p.m.—7 p.m.**

The menu includes a quarter of chicken, fried rice, spring rolls, and desert. The cost of a ticket is \$15.00 dollars. Only 150 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will go toward the parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The 19<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



**How many books are in the Old Testament?**

- a) 34
- b) 46
- c) 27
- d) 18

## Holy Spirit Directory

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**Seasons of Faith** is our parish model for lifelong, intergenerational faith formation, centered around opportunities to learn about, share and experience our faith in the company of all parishioners, from the newly baptized to the most mature members, leading us to an even deeper relationship with God and each other. Each season is four months long, with three seasons per year:

*Winter/Spring* (Jan-April)

*Summer* (May-Aug)

*Fall* (Sept-Dec)

### Seasons of Faith is for families *and* adults.

**Parents** are their children's first faith witnesses. Now more than ever, we want to support families and give them a variety of opportunities to *be* family. Seasons of Faith are specifically designed for the entire family.

**Adults** are never too old to learn. Seasons of Faith encourages faith growth for adults too!

**Seasons of Faith is for *all* who consider Holy Spirit their home. All are welcome!**



We are looking for those who would like to volunteer to serve the parish as money counters. Training will be provided. If you would like to participate in this ministry or obtain more information, please contact Sowmya, our parish manager by calling the parish office (518) 477-7925 or email [info@holyspiritchurcheg.org](mailto:info@holyspiritchurcheg.org).

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 8/7—St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest



### 4 p.m. Vigil:

- ✠ David Halloran—Req. by Lawrence & Linda Rowse
- ✠ Roger R. Goding—Req. by Doris & Gary Beardsley

## Sunday 8/8—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Fr. George St. John—Req. by HS

### 11 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Franklin Grant—Req. by Beatrice Grant
- ✠ Helen Fischetti—Req. by Bob & Mary Kay Blake and Family

## Tuesday 8/10—St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

- ✠ 9 a.m. Mass—Intention Available

## Wednesday 8/11—St. Clare, Virgin

- ✠ 9 a.m. Mass—Intention Available

## Thursday 8/12—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

- ✠ 9 a.m. Mass—Intention Available

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 8/14—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

### 4 p.m. Vigil:

- ✠ Sylvia Quinn—Req. by Dois & Gary Beardsley

## Sunday 8/15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### 8:30 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ Fr. George St. John—Req. by HS

### 11 a.m. Mass:

- ✠ L. Robert Blake—Req. Bob & Mary Kay Blake & Family
- ✠ Nick Panetta—Req. by Family

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The sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of

*Agnes Hurley*

Given by Christina Larsen

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS**

### Sacraments of Healing

**Reconciliation**—Saturday from 3:00-3:30pm or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick (and homebound visits)**

- ✠ Available by appointment, for any stage of illness

### Sacraments of Initiation

**Baptism**—is available at any age. Please contact the parish office.

**Eucharist**—Student candidates must be at least age 7 by December 1st and be participating in ongoing Seasons of Faith Gatherings for at least one year prior.

**Confirmation**—Student candidates must be participating in Seasons of Faith for at least one year prior to beginning formation for Confirmation in the spring.

### Sacraments of Commitment

**Sacrament of Marriage**—Please contact the parish as soon as you are engaged, at least six (6) months in advance. Pre-Cana is expected. Wedding dates will be scheduled after meeting with the Pastor.

**Holy Orders and Religious Life**—Please contact Fr. Vo at the parish office, or the diocesan Vocations Office at [albanyvocations.org](http://albanyvocations.org) (518) 453-6690.

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